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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DOUGLAS RUGG) GROUP ART UNIT
SERIAL NO: 10/692,208) 3765
FILED: OCTOBER 22, 2003) PATENT EXAMINER
FOR: HAT ASSEMBLY COMPRISING A) ANDREW W. SUTTON
SELECTED CARRYING MEMBER HAVING)
A SHAPE AND FOLDABLE HAT)

Commissioner for Patents
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COMMUNICATION

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This COMMUNICATION is being filed to confirm that the Patent Examiner assigned to the above-identified United States Patent

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Application, Andrew W. Sutton (571) 272-6093, called the undersigned on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 to discuss making an amendment to Claim 43. Examiner Sutton and the undersigned agreed on the amendatory language for Claim 43. Examiner Sutton advised the undersigned that the Examiner was to issue an Examiner's Amendment making the agreed changes to Claim 43.

The undersigned advised the Examiner that a Notice of Allowance had been issued for the above-identified United States Patent Application and that the Issue Fee and Publication Fee was due on January 3, 2006.

Examiner Sutton advised the undersigned that he was going to withdraw the Notice of Allowance and issue a replacement Notice of Allowance together with the Examiners Amendment and that the replacement Notice of Allowance would re-start the three (3) month period for payment of the Issue Fee and Publication Fee.

The undersigned is filing this COMMUNICATION to make of record that the Issue Fee and Publication Fee due on January 3, 2006 will not be paid pending the issuance of an Examiner's Amendment and the issuance of a replacement Notice of Allowance

re-starting the three (3) month period for payment of the Issue Fee and Publication Fee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Meaney, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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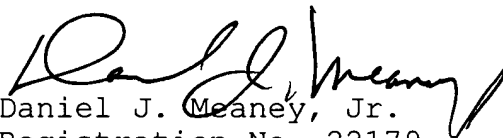
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We respectfully request a filing date of December 21, 2005, the date of mailing the above-referenced documents, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10.

If any additional fees are due herein, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 13-2515.

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